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Supplement 4 to "The Situation in the Congo"(dated 13 July)

1. Evacuation. All US citizens had been evacuated from Kisangani by 14 July, with the exception of two missionaries associated with the university there who say they do not want to leave. A total of 236 individuals (many of them Congolese) are aboard the two Red Cross planes and the US C-130 which flew out of Kisangani today. All three planes were scheduled to reach Kinshasa in the early afternoon, Washington time. The Embassy in Kinshasa has been informed that all those who wish to leave Kisangani have now been evacuated. Evacuees report that since the fighting broke out at least five Europeans--two Belgians, two Greeks, and an Italian--have been killed in Kisangani, where the current situation is described variously as "very bad" and nightmarish."

2. The Rebels. There is still no direct word on rebel whereabouts. It seems likely, however, that they are still in the Punia area and plan to stay there for some time. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] they are well enough supplied to maintain themselves in that region for years. The rebels may have with them three employees (none of them US citizens) of the maintenance organization which services the Congo's military aircraft. All three are said to be wounded, and one may have died.

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